

The Little glass bottle

"Heave to, there's something floating to the leeward"

the speaker was a short stockily built man whose name was William Jones, he was the captain of a small boat in which he & a party of men were sailing at the time the story opens.

"Aye aye sir" answered John Tavers & the boat was brought to a stand still. Captain Jones reached out his hand for the object which he now discerned to be

a glass bottle. Nothing but
a rum flask that the men
on a passing boat threw
over he said but from an
impulse of curiosity he
reached down for it. It was
a rum flask & he was
about to throw it away when
he noticed a piece of paper
in it. He pulled it out
& on it read the following

Jan 1 1864

I am John Jones
who writes this

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on the edge were written
these words

Marked lines
keep your course clear

Towers" said Capt. Jones
exitedly "had this"

Towers did as he was directed
"I think I would pay to go"

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~~letter to my son's
fifth birthday
with advice he
on board
I am where~~

It is marked
* on the enclosed
chart

Captain Jones turned
the sheet over &
the other side was a
chart

said capt. jones "do you?"

"Just as you say" replied
Towers. "We'll charter
a schooner this very day!"
said the exiled captain

"All right" said Towers
so they hired a boat and
started off guided by
the dotted lines of the
chart in 4 weeks they
reached the place where
directed to the divers
went down and
came up with an iron

bottle they found in it
the following lines scuttled
on a piece of brown paper

Dec 3 1880

Dear Searcher excuse
me for the practical
joke I have played on
you but it serves you
right to find nothing
for your foolish act -

"Well it does'" said Capt
Jones "go on"

However I will defray
your expenses to & from
the place you find your
bottle I think it will be
\$25.00 so that amount
you will find in an
iron box I know where
you found the bottle
because I put this bottle
into the iron box & then
found a good place
to save the second bottle
hoping the enclosed money
will defray your expenses
one I close. anonymous

"I'd like to kick his
head off" said Capt. Jones
"Here divers go & get
the \$25.00 in a
minute the diver came
up bearing an iron

It defrayed their expenses
but I hardly think that
they will ever go to a
mysterious place and risk
of a mysterious bottle

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